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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Reiner HAMMERICH et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2192  
Application No.: 10/676,825 ) Examiner: Dao, T.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2007, the period for response to which extends through March 5, 2008, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.